

Genesis 1 – session 2 of 2 – 4 Eternal Questions Answered–8 August 2019

Introduction –

The Name Genesis

Genesis in Greek = ‘beginning’

Hebrew is ‘In the beginning’

Moses wrote the book

A book of beginnings

The Universe (Uni=single, Verse=spoken sentence)

Life, Man, Sin, Death

Shows the beginning of God’s redemptive plan for mankind choosing Israel

Genesis Chapter 1

Christians disagree on many minor Biblical topics and that's ok

Water Baptism

Gifts of the Spirit

Forms of Church Govt

.....but we *can't disagree on the essential nature of the Creation Account* as given by God!

God initiates a relationship with all things in order to bring light to our understanding

As we go thru God's introductory love letter, Genesis 1, God has 4 great answers that He wants us to have

God answered the 1st eternal question, Who is God in verse 1.

He says, I want you to know who I AM, I AM the eternal Trinity. I have the power to sustain all things and I'm completely satisfied within Myself

Then God answered the 2nd eternal question, Does God care about me in verse 1-2.

He says, I want you to know that I will personally guide you (flutter) and I've given you an eye-witness account, not just of the beginning, BUT THE WHOLE WAY TO YOUR END!

Today we'll pick up in verse 11

Read Vs 11-13 – More Day 3 (Vegetation comes from the earth)

1. Each type produced after its *kind*.
2. Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species

- a. A Biblical *kind* relates to the modern term species.
- b. A cat can reproduce with other cats, not a dog which is another species.
- 3. Different seeds produce after their kind & in many different ways.
 - a. Helicopter on pine cones, some explode, some have hooks to be carried, some are sticky

This leads to the 3rd eternal question, Can I trust God?

- 1. God carefully created a delicate balance of maturity all thru Creation.
 - a. Didn't hand Adam a pile of seeds to plant.
 - b. Star light – time build in
- 2. All thru creation, God has been separating.
 - a. Day 1 – Light from darkness
 - b. Day 2 – Water above from water below
 - c. Day 3 – Water from land

- d. Day 4 – Day from night
 - e. He gives me what I need & separates rest.
3. God puts great thought, care and planning into giving us just the environment that we need
- a. In our sin we don't naturally see God's blessings and return glory to him for the good environment He give us, so difficulty comes.
 - b. Israel being taken to Babylon – Read Jer 29:11 – Even in giving hardship to us, it is with great care and planning.
 - c. This care has a good expected end (Read Amos 9:15)

So God answers the 3rd eternal question, Can I trust God?

He says, I want you to know that I'm a God of order and planning with good intentions from beginning to end.

Vs 14-19 – Day 4 (Day from Night)

1. Read Vs 14

- a. Light in Hb is *ore*, but this is *ma-ore* for lightholder.
 - i. As in Day 1, God is the source of light and He bestows it to His creation.
 - ii. As creation needs God for light, WE need God for light and knowledge
 - 1. Read II Cor 4:6
- b. Heavenly bodies for time calculation
 - i. All calendars based on 360 days, but then something happened...the flood.
 - ii. Day, *week*, month, year
 - 1. Based on the heavens
 - 2. Week based on God creating!!!

2. Read Vs 15-19

- a. How can you have evening/morning on Day 1 and 2 with no sun??
 - i. The sun is there to tell US time

ii. God already knows what time it is

Read Vs 20-23 – Day 5 (Fish, birds)

1. Again, everything produces “*after their kind*”.
2. Simpler life forms, the plants, on Day 3, now more complex on Day 5.
3. Plants weren’t blessed, but God blesses these
 - a. Plants – body
 - b. Animals – body, soul(mind)
 - c. People – body, soul, spirit

Read Vs 24-25 – Day 6 (Animals)

1. Again, everything produces “*after their kind*”.
2. Animals not blessed by God in multiplying, take it for what it’s worth.

Read Vs 26-27

1. Man is made intentionally to rule over all other life forms. Nothing else is ever given this command.

This leads to the 4th eternal question, Do I matter or have any value?

1. Different than the animals or plants, YOU matter b/c you have an eternal soul/spirit.
 - a. It's like software
 - i. It has no mass – blank or full weighs same
 - ii. Transportable therefore no time
 - iii. The real you, like software is ready for eternity.
 - iv. C.S. Lewis (questionable authorship)
 1. “You do not have a soul. You are a soul. You have a body.”
2. YOU matter b/c you were created in God's image.
 - a. This doesn't mean God's physical image.
 - i. God is spirit, not physical.
 - ii. God commands us, don't make idols.
 - b. Created in His image means we are triune like Him.

- i. Body, soul and spirit (Son, Father, HS)
- ii. Universe is triune
 - 1. Space, time, matter
 - 2. 3D Space, past/present/future, solid/liquid/gas
- c. Having a spirit (like no other creation) give us self-determination (choice).
 - i. What value is choice without a wide selection of choices?
 - ii. God then allows and respects our choices?
 - iii. Love is the ultimate reality of why we have free choice. God is looking for those who freely choose to obey Him.
 - iv. Turn to Luke 20:20-25
 - 1. The follow up question, “What things get rendered to God? Whose image is on you?”
 - 2. It’s a great blessing to be the image of God but also a great responsibility!!

So God answers the 4th eternal question, Do I matter or have value?

He says, I want you to know how precious you are. You are an eternal spirit made in My image to have dominion over the earth and all that's in it.

Read Vs 28

1. Word replenish means “to fill” not “to refill”

Read Vs 29-31

1. People and animals were all vegetarians and in harmony with God, each other and animals
2. Until the flood.

Conclusion –

We've looked at 4 eternal questions & God's answers

1. **Who is God? (vs 1)**
 - a. I want you to know who I Am
 - b. I Am the eternal Trinity of God
2. **Does God care for me? (vs 2)**
 - a. I want you to know that I will personally guide you
 - b. I've provided an eyewitness account of creation (no gap theory or evolution)
3. **Can I trust God? (vs 11-13)**
 - a. I want you to know I have it all ordered from beginning to end
 - b. I've revealed that I Am a God of order & planning
4. **Do I matter or have any value? (vs 26)**
 - a. I want you to know how precious you are
 - b. You are an eternal spirit made in My image to have dominion over the earth and all that's in it.